

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The Great Christian Festival Will be Duly Celebrated To-morrow.

THE MANY BUSY SCENES IN RICHMOND.

There is an Awful Rush in the Postoffice—Work for the Express People—The Markets—Sunday Hours to be Observed.

A perfect madhouse in Broad street with its brightly rushing, unceasing throng of Christmas purchasers. What an interesting scene it is, too, with its pretty girls, handsome men, fat old ladies, slim young ladies, some old gentlemen and that popular institution—the average citizen—all in one current of glad humanity.

There is no need to look at an almanac or consult a calendar. The fact that to-morrow is Christmas is too well known, and the people pass up and down Richmond's Bialto with families of all sizes and descriptions.

The slowly arm of a bisque doll sticks out of the pocket of a "nigger" boy who is carrying a basket of oranges and apples.

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CHRISTMAS IN MANCHESTER.

How the Holidays Will be Passed by the People Over the River.

AN ACCIDENT CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION.

The Public School Closed—A New County Jail—The City Courts—Election of Officers—Personal Points—Briefs.

MANCHESTER BUREAU (RICHMOND TIMES.)

Branch Office, 1104 Decatur street.

Henry Beattie, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. H. B. Beattie who lives on Hull street between Sixth and Seventh, sustained painful injuries at 7 o'clock last evening by the explosion of a metallic cartridge shell which he filled with powder and then struck with a hammer. His hand was badly lacerated, his face filled with powder and his eyes seriously injured. The little fellow exhibited great nerve and submitted for two hours to the work of the surgeon without flinching.

THE MUSICAL.

An Excellent Programme Prepared for the Performance This Evening.

The seven hundredth musical will be given this evening by the "Whitney-Mockridge Concert Company," composed of the following well known artists: Whitney-Mockridge, tenor; Mrs. May Rhodes, soprano; Miss Belle Warner Botsford, violinist; Mr. Arthur Beresford, bass; Miss Mattie Mockridge, pianist.

Programme. Duet, "A Musical Dialogue" (Meyer Hemdlin), Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Beresford. 2. Violin, "Souvenir de Bado" (Leonard), Miss Botsford. 3. Solo, "Serenade" from Ruy Blas (Duvivier), Mr. Mockridge. 4. Solo, "Star of My Heart" (Denza), Mrs. Rhodes. 5. Solo, "The Creole Lover's Song" (Buck), Mr. Beresford. 6. Violin Romance (Svendsen), Miss Botsford. 7. Duet, "Dear Love of Mine" (Goring Thomas), Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Mockridge. 8. Solo, "The Mighty Deep" (Gude), Mr. Beresford. 9. Solo, "Oh Ring Upon My Finger" (b. "Life of My Soul" (Schumann), Mrs. Rhodes. 10. Solo, "Loves Sorrow" (Harry Love), Mrs. Mockridge. 11. Violin, "The Merry Widow" (Strauss), Mrs. Rhodes. 12. Violin, "Mozzetta" (Zarycky), Mrs. Botsford. 12. Trio, "Qual Volutta" from I Lombardi (Verdi), Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. Mockridge, Mr. Beresford.

NECKWEAR.

WINDSOR TIES—A line of Ties that is beyond description, consisting of Plaids, Stripes, Checks, Polka Dots, etc., etc.

LACE COLLARS—Collars of real Torchon Lace for children.

APPRECIABLE GIFTS.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' All-Linear Plain White Hemstitched, 10c., 12½c., 18c., (6 for \$1), 25c., 37½c. and 50c.

Ladies' All-Linear Embroidered—an unusually fine line of patterns—25c., 50c., 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and upward to \$3.50 each.

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Ladies' VESTS—Silk in cream, low neck and no sleeves, extensively used for corset covers, sizes 3, 4 and 5, 75c. each.

Fast Black Lisle Thread, low neck and no sleeves, with fancy crochet V, \$1.50 each.

Choice Embroidered Chemise CURTAINS reduced from \$9.75 to \$7.50.

Turkey-Red TABLE CLOTHS, fast colors, 50c., \$1 and \$1.75.

Fringed White and Colored-Bordered TABLE SETS—Cloth and dozen Napkins to match, from \$3 to \$20 a set.

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CREAM, 50c. to \$2.25 a yard.

HAIR BRUSHES, English bristles, 25c., 30c., 35c. and 50c. Solid and screw back, \$1.25.

CLOTHES BRUSHES, \$1.25.

FLESH BRUSHES, 40c., 75c. and 85c.

HAT BRUSHES, velvet backs, 27c. and 35c.

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CRUMB BRUSH and TRAY, \$1 a set.

Address and Shopping Lists, 25c., 30c., 37c. Playing Cards, 10c., 15c. and 25c.

Playing Cards in Japanese cases, 55c.

STATIONERY—"Society" Note, 1 quire of paper and 2 packages of envelopes, 30c. a box.

"Little Pet" paper and envelopes, 25c. a box.

Imitation ROSES, two buds to a stem, 10c. a stem.

Forget-Me-Not PINS, 15c.

Fancy PEN-WIPERS, 50c.—with emeries and pin-cushions, 50c.

TOMATO PIN-CUSHIONS—Merino, 15c., 25c., 37c., 50c.; Plush, 45c., 62c., 75c.

DARNERS, with handles, 10c., without handles, 8c.

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TRICK BOXES, \$1 to 75c., 85c. to 50c. and 20c. to 25c.

PUG DOGS, 50c. to 35c.

A lot of 25c. DOLLS reduced to 15c.

RIDGEBY DOLL, reduced from 50c. to 35c. and from 35c. to 25c.

THE NEWSPAPER BOYS.

Truthful Joems' Christmas Tribute to the Gang Who Do Their Best.

The Christmas number of the Richmond Keynote, the bright little paper published in the interest of the Mozart Association and edited by Mr. James A. Gentry, contains the following with the caption "The Press Gang."

There is a class we wish success—the members of the Richmond Press. They try the latest news to catch and grind it out with all dispatch, and both in prose and newsy rhyme. They seek to keep up with the Times. And what there is good to relate you'll always find put in the State. There's Chesternom, Woodfin and young West, who rank with brightest and the best, with Cuthbert, Minter and Jim Wood, who every fortune have withstood.

These boys work both night and day and keep their noses clean like Washington, they cannot lie or do an act that's mean. They do the very best they can and act the golden rule. They very often go to church and come to Sunday school, May Santa Claus at each door come merrily knocking and put a lot of good things in each one's big stocking.

That all may have a happy year with health and fortune and good cheer, happy days and pleasant dreams is the wish of their friend, TRUTHFUL JOEMS.

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Woodward & Lothrop,

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For the last few days' buying before Christmas we enumerate a few of our nice things left in stock:

ART EMBROIDERY

Something handsome for the ladies.

PERSIAN EMBROIDERED CENTRE PIECES—price \$5.50 and \$6.25.

PERSIAN SCARFS—price \$6.25.

PERSIAN MANTLE-COVERS at \$4.50.

PERSIAN TABLE COVERS—48 inches square—price \$18.75.

CONY CAPES reduced from \$8 to \$6.

LEATHER GOODS.

Ladies' POCKETBOOKS and PURSES—extra values at 25, 50, 75c. and \$1.

Also, finer POCKETBOOKS at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.50.

Ladies' CARD CASES at 25, 50, 75c., \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

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